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SUBJECT: SOVIET JEWS ARRESTED AFTER SIT-IN AT SUPREME SOVIET

REF: STATE 275891

1. AS INSTRUCTED, ACTING POL COUNSELOR CALLED NOVEMBER 10 ON MFA USA DIVISION DEPUTY CHIEF FEDOSEYEV TO ASK ABOUT CURRENT SITUATION OF IOSIF ASS. HE REFERRED TO QUERIES BY U.S. CITIZEN RELATIVES OF THE FAMILY, AND TOOK OCCASION TO NOTE CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AND CONCERN GENERATED BY REPORTS OF SIT-IN INCIDENT AND ARRESTS OF SOME OF DEMONSTRATORS.

2. NOTING THAT MATTER WAS A SOVIET DOMESTIC AFFAIR, FEDOSEYEV RESPONDED WITH FOLLOWING ACCOUNT. THERE HAD BEEN A DEMONSTRATION, BUT THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD BEEN RECEIVED IN THE SUPREME SOVIET, AND ALSO BY THE MINISTER OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS. THE AUTHORITIES HAD TRIED TO BE REASONABLE, BUT THE DEMONSTRATORS HAD NOT BEEN REASONABLE, TO PUT IT MIDLY. SOME HAD THEREFORE BEEN DETAINED FOR SOME WEEKS. ALL BUT TWO HAVE NOW BEEN RELEASED. WITH REGARD TO THESE TWO, THE INVESTIGATION IS STILL GOING ON, AND THEY WILL "PERHAPS" BE PUT ON TRIAL. FEDOSEYEV ADVISED ACTING POLCOUNS TO READ RELEVANT ARTICLE IN NOV 9 IZVESTIYA.

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3. ACTING POL COUNS REITERATED INTEREST AROUSED BY REPORTS OF

THESE CASES, AND ASKED WHETHER FEDOSEYEV WOULD CALL HIM OR WHETHER HE SHOULD REMIND FEDOSEYEV ABOUT DEMARCHE. FEDOSEYEV REPLIED THAT HE WOULD CHECK INTO MATTER, AND WOULD CALL IF HE HAD ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD.

4. IZVESTIYA ARTICLE TO WHICH FEDOSEYEV REFERRED IS UNSIGNED TASS PIECE WHICH REITERATES SOVIET APPROACH TO EMIGRATION IN TOUGH TERMS WITHOUT MENTIONING SIT-IN DIRECTLY. FORMALLY, IT IS DESIGNED TO REBUT "ORGANS OF BOURGEOIS PROPAGANDA" CRITICIZING SOVIET PRACTICE; CLAIMS SOVIET REFUSE EXIT PERMISSION ONLY WHEN APPLICANTS HAVE HAD ACCESS TO STATE SECRETS OR WHEN DEPARTURE WOULD HURT RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF OTHER CITIZENS, LIKE UNDERAGE CHILDREN OR OLD PARENTS; SAYS PRACTICE IS IN FULL ACCORD WITH 1966 UN "INTERNATIONAL PACT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS" AND HELSINKI FINAL ACT; SAYS QUESTION OF WHETHER STATE SECRETS HAVE "LOST ACTUALITY" OR NOT IS PURELY SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIR; AND ADDS THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO EXERCISE PRESSURE ON SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS "IS CONSIDERED INTERFERENCE IN THE USSR'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS."

5. COMMENT. FACT THAT FEDOSEYEV MENTIONED POSSIBILITY OF TRIAL FOR TWO DEMONSTRATORS STILL DETAINED AND THAT HE REFERRED TO RELEVANCE OF AN ARTICLE WHICH AFFIRMS THAT ATTEMPTS TO PRESSURE AUTHORITIES ON EMIGRATION IS INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS ALMOST CERTAINLY MEANS OUTLOOK FOR ASS IS NOT BRIGHT.

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